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WAI'ANAE SMALL BOAT HARBOR MAINTENANCE DREDGING TO BEGIN JAN. 27

HONOLULU – Maintenance dredging operations at the Wai'anæ Small Boat harbor are set to begin on Wednesday, January 27 to remove about 2,000 cubic yards of sediment from the entrance channel and along the inside of the breakwater. This work is scheduled to be completed by the end of February 2010.

Dredging will take place Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. During the dredging operations, the boat ramps and half of the entrance channel will remain open. Boaters are advised to exercise caution while crossing the dredging area.

The entire entrance channel will be open on Saturdays and Sundays, and on Monday, Feb. 15 President's Day holiday.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District has contracted Trade West Construction, Inc. to perform maintenance dredging at the Hale'iwa and Wai'anæ Small Boat Harbors. The company recently completed its work at Hale'iwa Small Boat Harbor.

Total contract cost is \$1,794,000 for both Hale'iwa and Wai'anæ harbors maintenance dredging. Funding for the Hale'iwa work is provided in part by \$700,000 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The rest of the Hale'iwa project is funded by \$450,000 of regular appropriations. Wai'anæ is funded by \$644,000 of regular appropriations.

The two maintenance dredging projects are being implemented by the Army Corps of Engineers under their agreement with the State to maintain federal navigation improvements that were constructed by the Army Corps. Both Haleiwa and Waianæ harbors were constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers. Federal navigation improvements typically consist of breakwaters,

entrance and access channels. The State is responsible to construct and maintain inner harbor improvements.

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